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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Briefing of Wives of Junior Officer Trainees

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to explain the objectives of the proposed briefing of JOT wives with their husbands.

2. The primary objective is to help develop a proper understanding between the JOT and his wife with respect to his work. The career-minded young couple comes into an employment situation in which the husband may not discuss his work with his wife, yet she shares with him responsibility for the maintenance of proper security and cover, and for accommodating to the demands which his work may make upon his time and movements. We believe that improved mutual understanding and confidence will be in the long-term interests of the Agency, and propose in this briefing to give the wife:

- a. an understanding of the importance of the mission of CIA;
- b. a background for maintaining the cover her husband has been assigned;
- c. an understanding of the need for security and for supporting the security implications of her husband's work;
- d. relief from anxieties which, in her ignorance, may have been generated by ideas of "cloak-and-dagger" activities;
- e. confidence in her husband's role and his opportunity for growth;
- f. a realistic approach to her role as the wife of a CIA employee;
- g. added interest in and attention to national and international affairs; and
- h. an understanding of the importance of language and area knowledge.

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3. This is to be a "stateside" briefing, to be attended by husbands and wives, and will not deal with operational matters. If and only when appropriate, it will be followed by the Dependents' Briefing now given to wives prior to going overseas. Except for reference to the problem of maintaining the husband's cover, it will not involve discussion of sensitive matters.

4. This proposal is looked upon as a pilot operation. If successful, it should yield experience valuable in developing approaches to personnel problems of the Agency as a whole which are not yet solved.

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MATTHEW BAIRD
Director of Training

cc: Director of Security

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To: Director of Training

21 March 1957

1. Approved.

2. The Director of Training will insure that this program is closely coordinated with and concurred in by the Director of Security on a continuing basis.

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Deputy Director
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